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The Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) and has the honour to submit the report of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on the measures taken to implement Security Council resolutions 2371 (2017) and 2375 (2017) (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 9 March 2018 from the Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

Report of Viet Nam on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2371 (2017) and 2375 (2017)

Pursuant to paragraph 18 of Security Council resolution 2371 (2017) and paragraph 19 of resolution 2375 (2017), Viet Nam hereby submits its report on the measures taken to implement these resolutions, as follows.

1. Overview

It is the consistent policy of Viet Nam to support disarmament and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons. Viet Nam has always fully implemented its obligations under relevant Security Council resolutions and has submitted related reports (S/AC.49/2007/9, S/AC.49/2009/31, S/AC.49/2013/20, S/AC.49/2016/36 and S/AC.49/2017/58).

Resolutions 2371 (2017) and 2375 (2017) were promptly translated into Vietnamese and disseminated to all relevant ministries, agencies and local authorities of Viet Nam for full implementation. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs continues to be the Government agency responsible for coordinating the implementation of these resolutions, with an inter-agency focal-point mechanism for smooth communication among ministries, agencies and local authorities. The relevant ministries, agencies and local authorities have disseminated the contents of the resolutions to subsidiary bodies, entities and individuals, including businesses operating within the territory or under the jurisdiction of Viet Nam, and have conducted reviews to ensure the full implementation of the provisions of the resolutions.

2. Implementation measures

In addition to the information provided in the previous reports on the implementation of Security Council resolutions relating to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Viet Nam hereby reports on some updates and the implementation of concrete provisions of resolutions 2371 (2017) and 2375 (2017) as follows:

(a) Freezing of financial assets and economic resources and the imposition of travel bans on individuals and entities designated by the Security Council (para. 3 of resolution 2371 (2017) and para. 3 of resolution 2375 (2017))

The list of individuals and entities designated by the Security Council has been updated and disseminated to the relevant Vietnamese authorities for full implementation. So far, no bank accounts, funds, financial assets or economic resources belonging to these individuals and entities have been found in Viet Nam.

Viet Nam has listed 10 individuals under the category "not eligible for entry" (including nine individuals mentioned in annex I to resolution 2371 (2017) and one individual mentioned in annex I to resolution 2375 (2017)). Viet Nam has directed all Vietnamese and foreign airlines operating in Viet Nam to include these individuals in a travel ban list in accordance with article 146 of the Law on Civil Aviation of Viet Nam.

(b) Entry into ports of vessels related to activities prohibited by the Security Council (para. 6 of resolution 2371 (2017) and paras. 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11 of resolution 2375 (2017)) and the ownership, leasing and operation of vessels flagged by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (para. 7 of resolution 2371 (2017))

Vietnamese maritime port authorities have actively updated information on the list of vessels designated by the Security Council in order to deny them entry into ports in Viet Nam.

In November 2017, Viet Nam set up an inter-agency mechanism to closely monitor the ban on the procurement of Democratic People's Republic of Korea coal and other items or materials prohibited by the Security Council and to take early preventive measures against vessels carrying such items or materials to Viet Nam. The early preventive measures include preventing these vessels from entering Viet Nam's waters, denying their port entry and refusing to carry out entry procedures for vessels.

To date, no form of ownership, leasing or operation of vessels flagged by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has been detected in Viet Nam.

(c) Sectoral sanctions (paras. 8–11 of resolution 2371 (2017) and paras. 13–17 of resolution 2375 (2017))

Viet Nam has decided to temporarily suspend the export and import of certain items of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in compliance with the relevant provisions of the Security Council resolutions.

Viet Nam has not granted or reissued work authorizations for nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in Viet Nam since 11 September 2017.

Viet Nam is reviewing the situation of workers of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in all provinces and cities to ensure the full implementation of the provisions of the resolutions.

(d) Joint ventures or cooperative entities (para. 12 of resolution 2371 (2017) and para. 18 of resolution 2375 (2017))

Localities in Viet Nam are requested to review and take necessary measures to end the operation of any joint ventures or cooperative entities with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in their respective areas.

3. Conclusion

As a responsible Member of the United Nations, Viet Nam will continue to seriously implement relevant Security Council resolutions and cooperate closely with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) to implement resolutions 2371 (2017) and 2375 (2017). Viet Nam will conduct regular reviews to ensure the full implementation of relevant Security Council resolutions.